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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR SHERER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CZ, UR

SUBJECT: KIRILENKO VISIT TO PRAGUE

REF: (A) PRAGUE 574; (B) MOSCOW 4733

1. LATE NEWS BROADCAST APRIL 29 AND RUDE PRAVO APRIL 30
CARRY NEWS THAT KIRILENKO WILL ATTEND 30TH ANIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS IN PRAGUE.

2. ALTHOUGH NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAD EVER BEEN MADE THAT BREZHNEV
WOULD ATTEND, IT WAS OPEN SECRET HERE THAT HE WOULD BE IN
PRAGUE MAY 5 AND 6. ALTHOUGH WE ARE CONVINCED THAT VISIT
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WAS IN FACT IN THE CARDS AT ONE TIME (FYI: GERMAN AMBASSADOR --

PROTECT -- WAS TOLD ABOUT VISIT BY FONMIN CHNOUPEK), DOUBTS HAVE BEEN INCREASING IN RECENT DAYS THAT IT WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE. GOC REPORTEDLY WAS TELLING WESTERN NEWS MEDIA REPS APRIL 29 THAT BREZHNEV'S DOCTORS WERE RECOMMENDING AGAINST VISIT, AND THAT WHILE HE WANTED TO COME, HE HAD YIELDED TO DOCTORS' ORDERS.

3. FAILURE OF BREZHNEV TO COME TO PRAGUE WILL INEVITABLY BE VIEWED BY MANY IN CONTEXT OF HIS SUPPORT OR NON-SUPPORT OF HUSAK IN LIGHT OF ON-GOING ANTI-DUBCEK CAMPAIGN. WHILE SUBSTITUTION OF FIGURE OF KIRILENKO'S STATURE WILL CERTAINLY MAKE BREZHNEV'S ABSENCE MORE PALATABLE, HUSAK MUST NEVERTHELESS FEEL SOMEWHAT LET DOWN BY THIS TURN OF EVENTS.
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